

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Twice Amended) A hose having a multi-layered wall and useful for conveying a hydrogen fuel in a fuel-cell vehicle, the hose comprising an innermost layer of a curing-agent cured rubber material, ~~wherein the curing agent is~~ free from metal oxide or sulfur, and having a hydrogen gas-impermeable metallic barrier layer in the wall surrounding the innermost layer.

2. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 1, wherein the rubber material is resistant to hot water.

3. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 1, wherein the rubber material is resistant to acid and/or alkali.

4. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 1, wherein the rubber material has an electric resistance of at least $10^6 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$.

5. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 1, wherein the rubber material is selected from among ethylene-propylene-diene terpolymer rubber (EPDM), ethylene-propylene copolymer rubber (EPM), silicone-modified EPM, fluororubber (FKM) and butyl rubber.

6. (Previously Amended) The hose according to claim 1, wherein the rubber material is peroxide-cured EPDM or EPM free of zinc oxide.

7. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 1, wherein the barrier layer is a metal laminated layer formed by having a metal foil held between two resin films.

8. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 7, wherein the laminated layer is formed

by at least a single fold of spiral winding or longitudinal lapping of a tape of a laminated sheet formed by having the foil held between the resin films.

9. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 8, wherein the foil has a thickness of 7 to 50 μm .

10. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 1, wherein the barrier layer is in contact with the innermost layer.

11. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 1, wherein the barrier layer forms a part of the wall surrounding the innermost layer and is surrounded by a fiber-reinforced layer.

12. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 1, wherein the multilayer wall sequentially comprises the innermost layer, the barrier layer, an intermediate rubber layer, a fiber-reinforced layer and an outer rubber layer.

13. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 12, wherein at least said innermost layer and said barrier layer, or every two adjoining layers are bonded to each other with an adhesive strength of at least 5 kgf/inch.

14. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 12, wherein the intermediate rubber layer is of butyl rubber.

15. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 12, wherein the outer rubber layer is of a material having an electric resistance of at least $10^6 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$.

16. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 1, wherein the hose as a whole has an electric resistance of at least $10^6 \Omega \cdot \text{cm}$.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 1, wherein the wall has an inside diameter of 5 to 50 mm.

19. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 1, wherein the wall has a pair of ends each connected with a stainless steel pipe.

20. (Previously Presented) The hose according to claim 19, wherein toward each end thereof, the wall has an inner surface treated for adhesion to the outer surface of the stainless steel pipe and the inner and outer surfaces are fastened by a sleeve.

21. (Previously Added) A method of manufacturing a hose according to claim 1, which comprises the following steps:

- a) curing the rubber material of the innermost layer with a metal-oxide and sulfur-free curing agent;
- b) forming the metallic barrier layer in the multi-layer wall surrounding the innermost layer and
- c) extracting soluble matter from the innermost layer of the multi-layer wall under heat-aging condition.